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SUBJ: (1) SPECIAL LATIN AMERICAN LECTURER PROJECT AND (2) MID-CAREER
PROGRAM FOR LATIN AMERICAN PROFESSIONALS AND MANAGERS,
GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL

REF: (1) STATE A-9382 DTD 12/26/74, 070115, 084382, SANTIAGO 1762,
CIES MEMORANDUM OF APRIL 1, 1975; (2) STATE 68715, 37256, 082118,
SANTIAGO 1319 AND 2003; STATE OM OF 4/3/75

1. RE LATAM LECTURER PROGRAM: COMMISSION MEMBERS: AT APRIL 15 MEETING

EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER WAY SELECTION PROCESS HAS APPARENTLY BY-PASSED
COMMISSION AND WHETHER THIS MIGHT VIILATE SPIRIT, IF INDEED NOT LETTER,

OF 1955 AGREEMENT WHICH ESTABLISHED COMMISSION FOR EDUCATION
INTERCHANGE
SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE 2, PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) WHICH STIPULATE THAT
COMMISSION RECOMMENDS PARTICIPANTS. COMMISSION AND POST RECOGNIZE
SHORT TIME SPAN ALLOWED FOR STARTING PROGRAM THIS YEAR BUT WONDER
WHETHER COMMISSION SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ASKED FOR APPROVAL OF
CANDIDATES RATHER THAN PRESENTING THEM AS "FAIT ACCOMPLI." MEMBER ASKED

WHICH U.S. UNIVERSITIES WERE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE AS CLUE TO HOW
SELECTIONS WERE MADE. DESPITE ABOVE OBSERVATIONS, POST PROCEEDING
WITH CONTACTS AND PAPER WORK, WITH COMMISSION STAFF HELP, IN ORDER NOT

DELAY PROCESS.

HOWEVER, COMMISSION MEMBERS CONCERNED THAT ITS NAME TIED TO THIS
PROJECT WITHOUT BEING CONSULTED ON CHOICES. IF PROGRAM CONTINUES
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IN FUTURE YEARS WITH COMMISSION FUNDING, IN CONTRAST TO THIS YEAR'S

REGIONAL FUNDING, WILL COMMISSION'S RIGHT TO RECOMMEND OR APPROVE CANDIDATES BE RESPECTED? COMMISSION HAS NO NOMINEES OF ITS OWN AS OF THIS DATE, DESPITE EARLIER EXPECTATION THIS WOULD BE THE CASE, BECAUSE IT HAS NOT RECEIVED NOTIFICATION OF FIELDS IN WHICH OPENINGS EXIST.

2. RE MID-VAREER PROGRAM: COMMISSION SHOWED SIMILAR CONCERN AS ABOVE, ESPECIALLY IF IN FUTURE YEARS CHILEAN PARTICIPATION TO BE FUNDED OUT OF COMMISSION'S BUDGET, IN VIEW SHORT TIME FRAME INVOLVED, PROBLEM CAN BE RESOLVED THIS YEAR BY CREATION OF AD HOC PANEL OF EMBASSY OFFICERS, CAO AND COMMISSION EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO INTERVIEW PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES AND GIVE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO DEPARTMENT FOR LATF AND CIES CONSIDERATION.

3. REQUEST DEPARMENT' VIEWS ABOVE ASAP, AS COMMISSION MEETING AGAIN APRIL 22.
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